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TO AMEMBASSY SAIGON

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ET, VS

SUBJECT: GVN DESIRE TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS  
WITH ETHIOPIA

REFS: (A) SAIGON 12203 (B) ADDIS ABABA 9903

1. WITH REGARD PARA 2 REFTL (A) RECENT DEVELOPMENTS  
IN ETHIOPIA DO NOT RPT NOT MAKE IT DESIRABLE FOR GVN TO  
TRY NOW TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH  
ETHIOPIA. NEW REGIME, DOMINATED BY A GROUP OF YOUNG  
OFFICERS AND ENLISTED MEN, HAS COMMITTED ITSELF TO  
TRANSLATING ETHIOPIA'S TRADITIONAL NON-ALIGNMENT INTO A  
"POLICY OF ACTION" AS IT CONSIDERS THAT PAST REGIME ONLY  
PAID LIP SERVICE TO IT. THUS ANY CHANGE IN ETHIOPIA'S  
POSITION ON FOREIGN POLICY ISSUES COULD ONLY BE TO  
DETRIMENT OF SAIGON, GIVEN OFFICIALLY PROCLAIMED NON-  
ALIGNED VIEWS ON SUBJECT OF VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA.

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2. ETHIOPIAN FOREIGN MINISTER ZEWDE, WHO HERE FOR UNGA, TOLD US SEPT 19 THAT, UNLESS HE RECEIVED INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CONTRARY, HE WOULD VOTE IN UN ACCORDING TO HIS COUNTRY'S PRECEDENTS. THIS WOULD MEAN CONTINUED ETHIOPIAN ABSTENTION ON KHMER CREDENTIALS, BUT HE FEARED THAT IF NEW GOVERNMENT ACTIVELY CONCERNED ITSELF WITH ISSUE

HE WOULD BE TOLD TO VOTE FOR SIHANOUK'S GROUP.

3. ZEWDE'S WARNING IS ALL THE MORE REASON FOR NOT RAISING SUBJECT OF DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ETHIOPIA. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUE BY NEW REGIME COULD LEAD TO DECISION TO DEPART FROM PAST ETHIOPIAN BENIGN POSITION (ABSENT AT LAW OF WAR CONFERENCE VOTE ON INVITATION TO PRG) TO PRO-PRG STANCE PRACTICED BY MOST NON-ALIGNED AND MANY OAU MEMBERS (ONLY ONE VOTE AGAINST PRG AT LAW OF WAR).

4. EMBASSY ADDIS MAY WISH TO COMMENT. KISSINGER

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